Final Reflection-Exam:

My first response when talking to the principle would be to ensure that every student is a different type of learner and have different needs; the importance of finding a teaching method that touches each type of learner is vital as a teacher. However, in today’s world students are used to the access of technology (laptops, cell-phones, ipods/itouch’s, etc.), and use it in their everyday lives. By integrating the use of technology, students will be able to relate to and enjoy the work they are doing. In today’s classrooms, including the college atmosphere, teachers often bore their students with the talking and lectures. With the integration of technology in the classroom teachers will also benefit; technology allows teachers to bring life to the classroom without even leaving (i.e.- virtual field trips, website activities, wordle, etc.). There is a surplus of learning available on the internet outside the textbooks and lectures in class.

There obviously are times when instructional technology may be not of use or may not be necessary. But almost all if not all lessons, are capable of having technology incorporated into them. Even if the teacher does not choose to use the technology that is available in today’s classroom, the students must be able to have access it to further their understanding of the content being taught. I feel it is important, yet almost mandatory, for special need students or ELL (English Language Learner) students to have technology incorporated into their learning… for obvious reasons these students will need the tools technology offers to assist their learning needs.

Because technology is growing so fast and has become such a vital tool in the real world today, the presence of it in the classroom will be beneficiary for students as they grow older and move on from school. Integrating technology into the classroom as students go through their schooling will only allow their fluency with these tools to grow (practice makes perfect!). Offering technology tools in the classroom can make learning easier, benefit the teachers, as well as comfort the needs to students with disabilities.

-**When this course began I had the same beliefs of why it was important to incorporate technology in the classroom. However, in the beginning of the semester I had those beliefs just because I knew that was the right answer… Now as the semester has gone by, I have a full-understanding as to why it is so important to integrate technology in the classrooms of our schools. Throughout this course I have been able to learn the benefits technology has to offer, as well as ideas/plans in incorporating them into lesson plans.**